

# Pike County Board of Commissioners

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Mr. David Allen  
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Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Mr. Allen:

My name is Jim Brushart and I am presently serving as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in Pike County, Ohio.

I have lived all of my 64 years in Pike County. I was here when the "Atomic Plant" was built and I have witnessed all of the changes in lifestyles of our people up to and including the present operator U.S.E.C.

I have seen our county suffer as a result of this property being tax exempt from 1952 until 1999 and also the many health problems attributed to the operation of this plant throughout the years.

After all of the wrong the federal government has heaped upon our people in Southern Ohio, one would think that they would at least try to assist us in rebuilding what they have torn down.

This is just not the case though. The Department of Energy is now planning to store excess uranium material at the Piketon plant. Pike County has been dumped on for the past 50 years by the D.O.E. and I think its time to stop.

In Pike County, we are trying to pick up the pieces and make economic development attractive. If we are made a dumping ground for the governments waste to be stored, this will severely hamper any possibilities of economic development in the future. Pike County would be recognized as a national dumping site for waste, thus creating a more negative image of Southern Ohio.

In closing, I ask you on behalf of thousands of Pike County Constituents, to please take your waste elsewhere. I challenge the Department of Energy to do something good for Pike County and its people. We certainly deserve much better treatment than what we have received in the past.

Sincerely,



James A. Brushart  
Chairman  
Pike County Board of Commissioners  
Waverly, Ohio

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